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1. APRIL EDITION OF EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA CARRIES FOLLOWING
1976 IMPORTS (1972/75 FIGURES SHOWN ARE FROM VNESHNAYA
TORGOVLYA; IN 000 M/T UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED):

1976 1975 1974 1973 1972

44 60 47 32 42 COFFEE

134 156 143 119 132 COCOA

MEAT & PRODUCTS

359 515 515 129 225 (CAT. 800)

754 767 736 791 1028 EGGS(PIECES, 000)

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SUGAR (REFINED BASIS)

3.1 2.9 1.6 2.3 1.6 (MIL. M/T)

871 860 901 830 808 FRESH FRUIT

2. COMMENT: REPORTED FIGURES REFLECT VARIED EXPERIENCE

BETWEEN COMMODITIES AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN A YEAR OF MASSIVE HARD CURRENCY GRAIN IMPORTS. NOTE THAT 1973 IMPORTS FOLLOWING THE POOR CROP YEAR OF 1972 WERE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S PATTERN.

3. THUS, THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT DROPS LAST YEAR IN COFFEE AND COCOA, CONSIDERED HERE TO BE LUXURY GOODS, WITH ABOVE AVERAGE WORLD MARKET PRICES PREVAILING. THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR, WE REPORTED PROBABILITY THAT COFFEE TRADE WOULD BE DOWN AND THAT NEW ORIGINS WERE BEING USED. THE ONLY COMMODITY WHICH WAS SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE TREND LINE WAS SUGAR, WHICH IS JUDGED MORE IN NECESSITY CATEGORY. THESE IMPORTS WERE ABOUT AS WE PREDICTED. THE BEET CROPS WERE ALSO DOWN IN BOTH 1972 AND 1975.

4. EGG IMPORTS WERE, UNSURPRISINGLY, STABLE. LONG-TERM BILATERALS WITH CEMA COUNTRIES TEND TO REGULATE SUCH TRADE.

5. FRESH FRUIT IMPORTS, WHICH HAVE NOT FLUCTUATED GREATLY, WERE ABOUT UNCHANGED QUANTITY WISE, BUT THIS INCLUDES TROPICAL AND TEMPERATE ZONE FRUITS. BREAK-DOWNS, WHEN PUBLISHED, WILL, IN OUR OPINION, PROBABLY REFLECT DECREASES IN CITRUS AND BANANAS.

6. FOREIGN PURCHASES IN MEAT AND PRODUCTS (CATEGORY 800) LAST YEAR WERE OFF MORE THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED. IT IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBLE THAT IMPORTS OF LIVE ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER (CATEGORY 710) WERE HIGHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND COMPENSATED SOMEWHAT FOR THIS DECLINE, BUT IS SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT INCREASES OCCURRED WHICH WERE SUFFICIENT TO OFFSET THE IMPORT DROP IN MEAT AND PRODUCTS. IN OUR OPINION, THIS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IF THIS HAD BEEN THE CASE. TWO FACTORS POSSIBLY COMBINE TO EXPLAIN THIS DECLINE AT LEAST IN PART. FIRST IS THE AMOUNT OF HARD CURRENCY WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO IMPORT LARGE QUANTITIES OF MEAT. THE OTHER IS THAT THE COLD STORAGE CARRY-OVER OF MEAT FROM LIVESTOCK LIQUIDATION IN LATE 1975 AND EARLY 1976 WAS PROBABLY LARGE AND MAY HAVE PRECLUDED THE NEED AND/OR PHYSICAL CAPACITY FOR IMPORTS. END COMMENT. TOON

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